GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3955
ANSWERED ON:16.12.2002
ENCROACHMENT AROUND TOURIST PLACES
BHUPENDRASINH PRABHATSINH SOLANKI

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether various tourist places in the country are being illegally encroached upon;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to take concrete measures to remove the encroachments;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) : At present there are a number of encroachments at various places of tourist interest. But action has been taken to check further encroachments and set up an effective agency to remove the existing encroachments.

(b) & (c): During the State Tourism Ministers Conference held on 5.9.2002 the State Governments were also requested to ensure that encroachments should not come up in the vicinity of heritage sites as it creates adverse image in the mind of visitors. In the New Tourism Policy thrust has been given to the civilisational issues as well as issues pertaining to civic and good governance. In major tourism projects the State Governments are being requested for relocation of the encroachments.

(d): Does not arise.